

SESSION OF 2023

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 143

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 143 would authorize equipping a motor vehicle with any type of ground effect lighting rather than only neon ground effect lighting, as authorized by current law. The bill would make conforming amendments to specify that no portion of the bulb or lighting fixture, rather than neon tubes, could be visible and would make conforming amendments to the definition of “ground effect lighting,” which is lighting that illuminates the ground below the vehicle.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Transportation at the request of a representative of the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office.

Senate Committee on Transportation

In the Senate Committee hearing, a representative of the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office provided **proponent** testimony. The conferee stated the technology used for these lights has changed, and the bill would make it clear that any ground effect lighting must follow statutory requirements.

No other testimony was provided.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

[*Note*: Continuing law states ground effect lighting may not flash or be any shade of red.]

The Senate Committee requested the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Vehicle; lights; ground effect lighting